SHGs in Andhra Pradesh

149. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed so far under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SJGSY) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of income generating assets created by these SHGs in the State so far;

(c) the number of individual swarozgaris assisted so far for various economic activities and amount invested therein so far; and

(d) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to make SJGSY more effective and productive in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMEMT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR) : (a) Since 1-4-1999 till May, 2002, 2,62,069 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) During the period 19,331 SHGs have taken up economic activities in the State so far.

(c) During the period 82,358 individual Swarozgaris have been assisted with the total investment of Rs. 16477.41 lakhs in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Steps taken for effective implementation of SJGSY are as follows :

(i) Regular review of the programme in the meeting of the State Level SJGSY Committee in each State/UT and by the Central Level Coordination Committee.

(ii) Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been formed at the State, District and Block levels for monitoring of the implementation of the programme. Local MPs and MLAs are the members of the District and Block Level Committees.

(iii) Regularly monitoring of the programme at the State/Central Level, on the basis of Monthly, and Annual Progress Reports.

(iv) Visit of the Area Officers of the Ministry at regular intervals to State/DRDAs.

(v) Participation of the Swarozgaris from different States/UTs in Fairs to promote marketing of SJGSY products.

(vi) Regular training and sensitization of the State/DRDA, field level functionaries as well as Bank Officials about the programme.

(vii) Consultation, at regular interval, with Reserve Bank of India, NABARD and other commercial banks about credit related issues.

(viii) Based on the recommendations of National Conference on the "SHG Movement and the SJGSY", held last year, Report of the Working Group on Poverty Alleviation for the 10th Five Year Plan and feedback/suggestions from the various State/UTs certain amendments have been made in the SJGSY guidelines to make the scheme effective.

(ix) Creation of Marketing infrastructure in the States through SJGSY Special Projects.

(x) Incentives to NGOs for development of SHGs i.e. fromation of SHGs, their capacity building training, assistance to acquire bank finance and post-project monitoring etc.

Implementation of Financial Powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions by States/UTs

†150. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that financial powers delegated to the Panchayati Raj Institutions under the Constitution Seventy-third (Amendment) Act, 1992 has not been made effective by the States/Union Territories;

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